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[Crashaw's Motto.]

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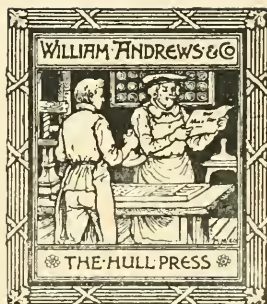
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## Introductory Note.

A desire having been expressed for a collection of Crashaw's non-sacred pieces, the present volume is offered as supplying the unquestionable *desideratum*.

For information about the Poet and his works we would refer the reader to our fuller edition recently issued, and for the present occasion confine ourselves to the productions contained herein, and to what follows as appendix to this edition of the secular poems.

We can readily understand and appreciate the wish for the pieces herein contained: productions free from questionable theology and even questionable taste. Without breaking from our previously expressed opinion that Crashaw is at his highest in his sacred verse—as indeed we believe is the opinion of the best critics—we can yet on several worthy grounds place these “Delights of the Muses,” for fancy, delicacy, true poetry, and exquisiteness, in a perfect niche of their own; and while the non-Protestant will prize most those matchless sacred verses contained in “Carmen Deo Nostro” and in “Steps to the Temple,” the more general lover of verse will revel in the ardours and sweetnesses of “The Delights of the Muses.” True “Delights” indeed! for who with a receptive soul and delicate sensibility can

withhold their admiration for such pieces as "Music's Duel" and "Wishes," to name only two of the principal poems of the present publication?

We would now briefly characterize the pieces herein contained. Criticism in the fullest sense we are compelled to refrain from for several reasons.

The pieces have been grouped naturally or sequentially together, and we would offer the following remarks as some slight apology for a fuller characterization and criticism of the several groups.

*Music's Duel*, though not strictly an original poem, we could not avoid giving it the primary position in this book. Did but the reader know its Latin original, he would excuse us had we not the example of Crashaw's first editor in regard to the position of the poem in the collection. We might have given the original Latin poem herein, but for consideration of space, etc. The Poet has transcended his original and made *Music's Duel* a marvel of sustained vigour, beauty, and music. Other versions are tame beside this one, and we would ask the reader's forgiveness for dissenting from the gentle-souled Charles Lamb's estimate of Crashaw's poem, an implied estimate, let us say, pronounced in his note to Ford's version (in *Lover's Melancholy*) of the same pathetic and beautiful story.

*To the Morning* and *On a Foul Morning* may be connected as pieces in which our poet deals with nature. He is more picturesque than descriptive, and an interesting

comparison might be made betwixt him and his contemporaries, Vaughan and Herbert, in this connection.

*Wishes*: a well-known poem, but in an abridged form as given in several of our best anthologies. The reader we hope will prefer it in its entirety as herein printed, in spite of certain editors' claims that they have brought it, by condensation, into better lyrical unity. When the thoughts of such a poet are precious, we are loth to lose a single line. It is Crashaw's best love-poem, and fitly heralds forth his exquisite *Love's Horoscope*, the last two stanzas of which are a perfect marvel of verbal melody.

The Elegiac Poems and Epitaphs are worthy of especial note among the literature of his (Crashaw's) time. They display true feeling, grace, fancy, and truth, while most of his contemporaries wrote theirs from the head rather than the heart. The poems on Herrys we would draw especial attention to in this regard.

The collection of Translations (for the first time grouped together) need not be specially commented upon. They are worthy of the Poet of *Music's Duel*, and that is no small praise.

The Epigrams—especially that on Ford's "Two Tragedies"—are surely pointed and excellent.

That hardly covers the entire ground, but we desire to be brief, and not speak with too great authority upon any of these productions. Our few remarks are merely intended to whet the appetite of the preface-reader for the entire feast, and we wish him an intellectual repast in

perusing what hitherto has, for the most part, been given either in emasculated form, or presented with so many misprints and inferior readings, that the student of our literature has rarely been able to know the true Crashaw as he is shown to us in the early editions, from which the present one is prepared—to wit, that of 1648.

The present book omits the Latin and Greek pieces contained in the edition of 1648, but otherwise it is a careful reprint, in modernized spelling, of that rare little tome, a copy of which is in the editor's collection.

We would now, in conclusion, speak of our humble little labour in endeavouring to show Crashaw as a quoted and quotable bard. The collection may be a revelation to many who have rarely seen the Poet quoted, save in that epigram on the miracle at Cana in Galilee. We make no apology for this part of our volume, for we think it needs none. "Jewels five words long"—to quote our late Laureate—are always precious, and should be doubly so from an "inheritor of unfulfilled renown," as we contend Crashaw to be.

The nominal price put upon this small edition will, we trust, have its due effect in making these poems known to the lover of our choice old poetry, and possibly create a desire for a larger measure of music from the same poetic store.

J. R. TUTIN.

Gt. Fencote, near Bedale,

Yorks., August 30th, 1899.

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OR,

Other Poems written on  
feverall occasions.

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By Richard Crafhaw, *fometimes of Pem-  
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# The Delights of the Muses.

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## Music's Duel.

Now westward Sol had spent the richest beams  
Of Noon's high glory, when, hard by the streams  
Of Tiber, on the scene of a green plat,  
Under protection of an oak, there sat  
A sweet lute's-master, in whose gentle airs  
He lost the day's heat, and his own hot cares.

Close in the covert of the leaves there stood  
A Nightingale, come from the neighbouring wood,  
(The sweet inhabitant of each glad tree,  
Their Muse, their Syren—harmless Syren she !)  
There stood she list'ning, and did entertain  
The music's soft report, and mould the same  
In her own murmurs, that whatever mood  
His curious fingers lent, her voice made good.  
The man perceived his rival and her art ;  
Disposed to give the light-foot lady sport,  
Awakes his lute, and 'gainst the fight to come  
Informs it, in a sweet præludium  
Of closer strains, and, ere the war begin,  
He lightly skirmishes on every string

Charged with a flying touch ; and straightway she  
Carves out her dainty voice as readily,  
Into a thousand sweet distinguish'd tones,  
And reckons up in soft divisions  
Quick volumes of wild notes, to let him know,  
By that shrill taste, she could do something too.

His nimble hands' instinct then taught each string  
A cap'ring cheerfulness, and made them sing  
To their own dance ; now negligently rash  
He throws his arm, and with a long-drawn dash  
Blends all together ; then distinctly trips  
From this to that, then quick returning skips  
And snatches this again, and pauses there.  
She measures every measure, everywhere  
Meets art with art ; sometimes, as if in doubt,  
Not perfect yet, and fearing to be out,  
'Trails her plain ditty in one long-spun note,  
Through the sleek passage of her open throat,  
A clear unwrinkled song ; then doth she point it  
With tender accents, and severely joint it  
By short diminutives, that being rear'd  
In controverting warbles evenly shared,  
With her sweet self she wrangles. He, amazed  
That from so small a channel should be raised  
The torrent of a voice whose melody  
Could melt into such sweet variety,  
Strains higher yet, that tickled with rare art  
The tattling strings (each breathing in his part)

Most kindly do fall out ; the grumbling base  
In surly groans disdains the treble's grace ;  
The high-perch'd treble chirps at this, and chides,  
Until his finger (Moderator) hides  
And closes the sweet quarrel, rousing all,  
Hoarse, shrill, at once ; as when the trumpets call  
Hot Mars to th' harvest of death's field, and woo  
Men's hearts into their hands ; this lesson too  
She gives him back ; her supple breast thrills out  
Sharp airs, and staggers in a warbling doubt  
Of dallying sweetness, hovers o'er her skill,  
And folds in wav'd notes with a trembling bill  
The pliant series of her slippery song ;  
Then starts she suddenly into a throng  
Of short thick sobs, whose thundering volleys float,  
And roll themselves over her lubric throat  
In panting murmurs, 'still'd out of her breast,  
That ever-bubbling spring, the sugar'd nest  
Of her delicious soul, that there does lie  
Bathing in streams of liquid melody ;  
Music's best seed-plot ; when in ripen'd airs  
A golden-headed harvest fairly rears  
His honey-dropping tops, plough'd by her breath,  
Which there reciprocally laboureth  
In that sweet soil ; it seems a holy choir  
Founded to th' name of great Apollo's lyre ;  
Whose silver-roof rings with the sprightly notes  
Of sweet-lipp'd angel-imps, that swill their throats

In cream of morning Helicon, and then  
Prefer soft anthems to the ears of men,  
To woo them from their beds, still murmuring  
That men can sleep while they their matins sing :  
(Most Divine service) whose so early lay  
Prevents the eyelids of the blushing Day !  
There might you hear her kindle her soft voice  
In the close murmur of a sparkling noise,  
And lay the ground-work of her hopeful song,  
Still keeping in the forward stream, so long,  
Till a sweet whirlwind (striving to get out)  
Heaves her soft bosom, wanders round about,  
And makes a pretty earthquake in her breast,  
Till the fledged notes at length forsake their nest,  
Fluttering in wanton shoals, and to the sky,  
Wing'd with their own wild echoes, prattling fly.  
She opes the floodgate, and lets loose a tide  
Of streaming sweetness, which in state doth ride  
On the waved back of every swelling strain,  
Rising and falling in a pompous train ;  
And while she thus discharges a shrill peal  
Of flashing airs, she qualifies their zeal  
With the cool epode of a graver note,  
Thus high, thus low, as if her silver throat  
Would reach the brazen voice of War's hoarse bird  
Her little soul is ravish'd, and so pour'd  
Into loose ecstasies, that she is placed  
Above herself, Music's Enthusiast.

Shame now and anger mixed a double stain  
In the Musician's face ; ' Yet once again  
(Mistress) I come ; now reach a strain, my lute,  
Above her mock, or be for ever mute ;  
Or tune a song of victory to me,  
Or to thyself sing thine own obsequy ;'  
So said, his hands sprightly as fire he flings,  
And with a quavering coyness tastes the strings :  
The sweet-lipp'd sisters, musically frightened,  
Singing their fears, are fearfully delighted :  
Trembling as when Apollo's golden hairs  
Are fann'd and frizzled in the wanton airs  
Of his own breath : which married to his lyre  
Doth tune the spheres, and make Heaven's self look higher.  
From this to that, from that to this he flies,  
Feels Music's pulse in all her arteries ;  
Caught in a net which there Apollo spreads,  
His fingers struggle with the vocal threads.  
Following those little rills, he sinks into  
A sea of Helicon ; his hand does go  
Those parts of sweetness which with nectar drop,  
Softer than that which pants in Hebe's cup.  
The humorous strings expound his learned touch  
By various glosses ; now they seem to grutch,  
And murmur in a buzzing din, then gingle  
In shrill-tongued accents, striving to be single ;  
Every smooth turn, every delicious stroke  
Gives life to some new grace ; thus doth h' invoke

Sweetness by all her names ; thus, bravely thus,  
(Fraught with a fury so harmonious)  
The Lute's light genius now does proudly rise,  
Heaved on the surges of swollen rhapsodies,  
Whose flourish (meteor-like) doth curl the air  
With flash of high-born fancies ; here and there  
Dancing in lofty measures, and anon  
Creeps on the soft touch of a tender tone ;  
Whose trembling murmurs melting in wild airs  
Runs to and fro, complaining his sweet cares,  
Because those precious mysteries that dwell  
In Music's ravish'd soul he dares not tell,  
But whisper to the world : thus do they vary  
Each string his note, as if they meant to carry  
Their Master's blest soul (snatch'd out at his ears  
By a strong ecstasy) through all the spheres  
Of Music's heaven ; and seat it there on high  
In th' empyrean of pure harmony.  
At length (after so long, so loud a strife  
Of all the strings, still breathing the best life  
Of blest variety, attending on  
His fingers' fairest revolution,  
In many a sweet rise, many as sweet a fall)  
A full-mouth'd diapason swallows all.

This done, he lists what she would say to this,  
And she (although her breath's late exercise  
Had dealt too roughly with her tender throat),  
Yet summons all her sweet powers for a note.

Alas ! in vain ! for while (sweet soul !) she tries  
To measure all those wild diversities  
Of chatt'ring strings, by the small size of one  
Poor simple voice, raised in a natural tone ;  
She fails, and failing grieves, and grieving dies.  
She dies : and leaves her life the Victor's prize,  
Falling upon his lute : O, fit to have  
(That lived so sweetly) dead, so sweet a grave !

—:O:—

### To the Morning :

#### SATISFACTION FOR SLEEP.

What succour can I hope the Muse will send  
Whose drowsiness hath wrong'd the Muses' friend ?  
What hope, Aurora, to propitiate thee,  
Unless the Muse sing my apology ?  
O in that morning of my shame ! when I  
Lay folded up in sleep's captivity,  
How at the sight didst thou draw back thine eyes  
Into thy modest veil ! how didst thou rise  
Twice dyed in thine own blushes, and didst run  
To draw the curtains, and awake the sun !  
Who, rousing his illustrious tresses, came,  
And seeing the loath'd object, hid for shame  
His head in thy fair bosom, and still hides  
Me from his patronage ; I pray, he chides ;

And pointing to dull Morpheus, bids me take  
My own Apollo, try if I can make  
His Lethe be my Helicon : and see  
If Morpheus have a Muse to wait on me.  
Hence 'tis, my humble fancy finds no wings,  
No nimble rapture starts to Heaven, and brings  
Enthusiastic flames, such as can give  
Marrow to my plump genius, make it live  
Drest in the glorious madness of a Muse,  
Whose feet can walk the Milky-way, and choose  
Her starry throne ; whose holy heats can warm  
The grave, and hold up an exalted arm  
To lift me from my lazy urn, to climb  
Upon the stooping shoulders of old Time,  
And trace Eternity—But all is dead,  
All these delicious hopes are buriéd  
In the deep wrinkles of his angry brow,  
Where Mercy cannot find them : but O thou  
Bright lady of the Morn ! pity doth lie  
So warm in thy soft breast, it cannot die.  
Have mercy then, and when he next shall rise,  
O meet the angry God, invade his eyes,  
And stroke his radiant cheeks ; one timely kiss  
Will kill his anger, and revive my bliss.  
So to the treasure of thy pearly dew  
Thrice will I pay three tears, to show how true  
My grief is ; so my wakeful lay shall knock  
At th' oriental gates, and duly mock



The early larks' shrill orizons, to be  
 An anthem at the Day's nativity.  
 And the same rosy-finger'd hand of thine,  
 That shuts Night's dying eyes, shall open mine.

'But thou, faint God of Sleep, forget that I  
 Was ever known to be thy votary.  
 No more my pillow shall thine altar be,  
 Nor will I offer any more to thee  
 Myself a melting sacrifice ; I'm born  
 Again a fresh child of the buxom Morn,  
 Heir of the sun's first beams ; why threat'st thou so !  
 Why dost thou shake thy leaden sceptre ? Go,  
 Bestow thy poppy upon wakeful Woe,  
 Sickness, and Sorrow, whose pale lids ne'er know  
 Thy downy finger ; dwell upon their eyes,  
 Shut in their tears : shut out their miseries.

—:O:—

### On a ffoul Morning, being then to take a Journey.

Where art thou, Sol, while thus the blindfold Day  
 Staggers out of the East, loses her way,  
 Stumbling on Night ? Rouse thee, illustrious youth,  
 And let no dull mists choke thy Light's fair growth.  
 Point here thy beams ; O, glance on yonder flocks,  
 And make their fleeces golden as thy locks !  
 Unfold thy fair front, and there shall appear

Full glory flaming in her own free sphere.  
Gladness shall clothe the Earth, we will instile  
The face of things an universal smile :  
Say to the sullen Morn thou com'st to court her,  
And wilt demand proud Zephyrus to sport her  
With wanton gales ; his balmy breath shall lick  
The tender drops which tremble on her cheek ;  
Which rarified, and in a gentle rain  
On those delicious banks distill'd again,  
Shall rise in a sweet Harvest, which discloses  
Two ever-blushing bed[s] of new-born roses.  
He'll fan her bright locks, teaching them to flow,  
And frisk in curl'd meanders : he will throw  
A fragrant breath suck'd from the spicy nest  
O' th' precious phœnix, warm upon her breast.  
He with a dainty and soft hand will trim  
And brush her azure mantle, which shall swim  
In silken volumes ; wheresoe'er she'll tread  
Bright clouds like golden fleeces shall be spread.  
Rise then (fair blue-eyed maid ! ) rise and discover  
Thy silver brow, and meet thy golden lover.  
See how he runs, with what a hasty flight,  
Into thy bosom, bath'd with liquid light.  
Fly, fly profane fogs, far hence fly away,  
Taint not the pure streams of the springing Day,  
With your dull influence ; it is for you  
To sit and scowl upon Night's heavy brow,  
Not on the fresh cheeks of the virgin Morn,

Where naught but smiles and ruddy joys are worn.  
Fly then, and do not think with her to stay ;  
Let it suffice, she'll wear no mask to-day.

—:o:—

### Wishes.

TO HIS (SUPPOSED) MISTRESS.

Whoe'er she be,  
That not impossible She  
That shall command my heart and me ;  
  
Where'er she lie,  
Lock'd up from mortal eye,  
In shady leaves of destiny :  
  
Till that ripe Birth  
Of studied Fate stand forth,  
And teach her fair steps tread our earth ;  
  
Till that divine  
Idea take a shrine  
Of crystal flesh, through which to shine :  
  
Meet you her, my Wishes,  
Bespeak her to my blisses,  
And be ye call'd, my absent kisses.  
  
I wish her beauty,  
That owes not all its duty  
To gaudy tire, or glist'ring shoe-tie,—

Something more than  
Taffeta or tissue can,  
Or rampant feather, or rich fan,—

More than the spoil  
Of shop, or silkworm's toil,  
Or a bought blush, or a set smile ;

A Face that's best  
By its own beauty dress'd,  
And can alone commend the rest,—

A Face made up  
Out of no other shop  
Than what Nature's white hand sets ope ;

A Cheek where youth  
And blood, with pen of Truth  
Write what their reader sweetly ru'th,—

A Cheek where grows  
More than a morning rose,  
Which to no box [its] being owes ;

Lips, where all day  
A lover's kiss may play,  
Yet carry nothing thence away ;

Looks that oppress  
Their richest tires, but dress  
Themselves in simple nakedness ;

Eyes, that displace  
The neighbour diamond, and out-face  
That sunshine by their own sweet grace ;

Tresses, that wear  
Jewels, but to declare  
How much themselves more precious are,—

Whose native ray  
Can tame the wanton day  
Of gems that in their bright shades play,—

Each ruby there  
Or pearl that dare appear,  
Be its own blush, be its own tear ;

A well-tamed Heart  
For whose more noble smart  
Love may be long choosing a dart ;

Eyes that bestow  
Full quivers on Love's bow,  
Yet pay less arrows than they owe ;

Smiles that can warm  
The blood, yet teach a charm  
That chastity shall take no harm ;

Blushes that bin  
The burnish of no sin,  
Nor flames of aught too hot within ;

Joys that confess  
Virtue their Mistress,  
And have no other head to dress ;

Fears fond, and flight,  
As the coy bride's when night  
First does the longing lover right ;

Tears quickly fled  
And vain, as those are shed  
For a dying maidenhead ;

Days that need borrow  
No part of their good morrow  
From a fore-spent night of sorrow,—

Days that, in spite  
Of darkness, by the light  
Of a clear mind are day all night ;

Nights sweet as they,  
Made short by lovers' play,  
Yet long by the absence of the day ;

Life that dares send  
A challenge to his end,  
And when it comes say—Welcome, friend !

Sidneian showers  
Of sweet discourse, whose powers  
Can crown old Winter's head with flowers ;

Soft silken hours,  
Open suns, shady bowers ;  
'Bove all, nothing within that lours ;

Whate'er delight  
Can make Day's forehead bright  
Or give down to the wings of Night.

In her whole frame  
Have Nature all the name,  
Art and Ornament the shame !

Her flattery  
Picture and Poesy :  
Her counsel her own virtue be.

I wish her store  
Of worth may leave her poor  
Of wishes ; and I wish—no more.

Now if Time knows  
That Her, whose radiant brows  
Weave them a garland of my vows,

Her whose just bays  
My future hopes can raise  
A trophy to her present praise,

Her that dares be  
What these lines wish to see :  
I seek no further—it is She.

'Tis She, and here  
Lo ! I unclothe and clear  
My Wishes' cloudy character.

May She enjoy it  
Whose merit dare[s] apply it  
But Modesty dares still deny it !

Such Worth as this is  
Shall fix my flying wishes,  
And determine them to kisses.

Let her full glory,  
My fancies ! fly before ye !  
Be you my fictions, but Her Story !

—:o:—

### Love's Thoroscope.

Love, brave Virtue's younger Brother,  
Erst hath made my heart a mother ;  
She consults the conscious Spheres  
To calculate her young son's years.  
She asks if sad or saving powers  
Gave omen to his infant hours ;  
She asks each star that then stood by  
If poor Love shall live or die.

Ah ! my heart, is that the way ?  
Are these the beams that rule thy day ?



Thou know'st a face, in whose each look,  
Beauty lays ope Love's fortune-book,  
On whose fair revolutions wait  
The obsequious motions of Love's fate ;  
Ah ! my heart, her eyes and she  
Have taught thee new astrology.  
Howe'er Love's native hours were set,  
Whatever starry synod met,  
'Tis in the mercy of her eye,  
If poor Love shall live or die.

If those sharp rays, putting on  
Points of death, bid Love be gone,  
(Though the Heavens in counsel sate,  
To crown an uncontrollèd fate,  
Though their best aspects twined upon  
The kindest constellation,  
Cast amorous glances on his birth,  
And whisper'd the confed'rate Earth  
To pave his paths with all the good  
That warms the bed of youth and blood,)  
Love has no plea against her eye :  
Beauty frowns, and Love must die.

But if her milder influence move,  
And gild the hopes of humble Love :  
(Though Heaven's inauspicious eye  
Lay black on Love's nativity ;

Though every diamond in Jove's crown  
Fixed his forehead to a frown,)  
Her eye a strong appeal can give,  
Beauty smiles, and Love shall live.

O if Love shall live, O, where  
But in her eye, or in her ear,  
In her breast, or in her breath,  
Shall I hide poor Love from Death?  
For in the life aught else can give,  
Love shall die, although he live.

Or if Love shall die, O, where,  
But in her eye, or in her ear,  
In her breath, or in her breast,  
Shall I build his funeral nest?  
While Love shall thus entombed lie,  
Love shall live, although he die.

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### Upon the Death of a Gentleman.

Faithless and fond Mortality !  
Who will ever credit thee ?  
Fond and faithless thing ! that thus,  
In our best hopes beguilest us.  
What a reckoning hast thou made,  
Of the hopes in him we laid ?

For life by volumes lengthenéd,  
A line or two to speak him dead.  
For the laurel in his verse  
The sullen cypress o'er his hearse.  
For a silver-crownéd head  
A dirty pillow in Death's bed.  
For so dear, so deep a trust,  
Sad requital, thus much dust !  
Now though the blow that snatch him hence  
Stopp'd the mouth of Eloquence,  
Though she be dumb e'er since his death,  
Not used to speak but in his breath,  
Yet if at least she not denies  
The sad language of our eyes,  
We are contented : for than this  
Language none more fluent is.  
Nothing speaks our grief so well  
As to speak nothing. Come then, tell  
Thy mind in tears, whoe'er thou be  
That ow'st a name to misery :  
Eyes are vocal, tears have tongues,  
And there be words not made with lungs ;  
Sententious showers, O, let them fall,  
Their cadence is rhetorical.  
Here's a theme will drink th' expense  
Of all thy watery eloquence ;  
Weep then, only be exprest  
Thus much : He's dead ; and weep the rest.

### Upon the Death of Mr. Herrys.

A plant of noble stem, forward and fair,  
As ever whisper'd to the morning air,  
Thrived in these happy grounds, the Earth's just pride,  
Whose rising glories made such haste to hide  
His head in clouds, as if in him alone  
Impatient Nature had taught motion  
To start from Time, and cheerfully to fly  
Before, and seize upon Maturity.  
Thus grew this gracious plant, in whose sweet shade  
The sun himself oft wish'd to sit, and made  
The morning Muses perch like birds, and sing  
Among his branches : yea, and vow'd to bring  
His own delicious phoenix from the blest  
Arabia, there to build her virgin nest,  
To hatch herself in ; 'mongst his leaves, the Day,  
Fresh from the rosy East, rejoiced to play ;  
To them she gave the first and fairest beam  
That waited on her birth : she gave to them  
The purest pearls, that wept her evening death ;  
The balmy Zephyrus got so sweet a breath  
By often kissing them ; and now begun  
Glad Time to ripen Expectation.  
The timorous maiden-blossoms on each bough  
Peeped forth from their first blushes ; so that now  
A thousand ruddy hopes smiled in each bud,  
And flatter'd every greedy eye that stood

Fixed in delight, as if already there  
Those rare fruits dangled, whence the golden Year  
His crown expected, when (O Fate ! O Time !  
That seldom lett'st a blushing youthful prime  
Hide his hot beams in shade of silver Age,  
So rare is hoary Virtue) the dire rage  
Of a mad storm these bloomy joys all tore,  
Ravish'd the maiden blossoms, and down bore  
The trunk. Yet in this ground his precious root  
Still lives, which when weak Time shall be poured out  
Into Eternity, and circular joys  
Dance in an endless round, again shall rise  
The fair son of an ever-youthful Spring,  
To be a shade for angels while they sing.  
Meanwhile, whoe'er thou art that passest here,  
O do thou water it with one kind tear !

—:o:—

Upon the Death of the most desired  
Mr. Herrys.

Death, what dost ? O, hold thy blow,  
What thou dost thou dost not know.  
Death, thou must not here be cruel,  
This is Nature's choicest jewel :  
This is he, in whose rare frame  
Nature labour'd for a name :  
And meant to leave his precious feature

The pattern of a perfect creature.  
Joy of Goodness, Love of Art,  
Virtue wears him next her heart.  
Him the Muses love to follow,  
Him they call their vice-Apollo.  
Apollo, golden though thou be,  
Th' art not fairer than is he,  
Nor more lovely lift'st thy head,  
(Blushing) from thine Eastern bed.  
The glories of thy youth ne'er knew  
Brighter hopes than he can shew,  
Why then should it e'er be seen  
That his should fade, while thine is green?  
And wilt thou (O, cruel boast!)  
Put poor Nature to such cost?  
O, 'twill undo our common mother,  
To be at charge of such another.  
What? think we to no other end  
Gracious heavens do use to send  
Earth her best perfection,  
But to vanish, and be gone?  
Therefore only given to-day,  
To-morrow to be snatch'd away?  
I've seen indeed the hopeful bud  
Of a ruddy rose that stood  
Blushing, to behold the ray  
Of the new-saluted Day:  
(His tender top not fully spread)

The sweet dash of a shower new-shed  
Invited him no more to hide  
Within himself the purple pride  
Of his forward flower, when lo  
While he sweetly 'gan to show  
His swelling glories, Auster spied him,  
Cruel Auster thither hied him,  
And with the rush of one rude blast,  
Shamed not spitefully to waste  
All his leaves, so fresh, so sweet,  
And lay them trembling at his feet.

I've seen the Morning's lovely ray  
Hover o'er the new-born Day  
With rosy wings so richly bright  
As if he scorned to think of Night ;  
When a rugged storm whose scowl  
Made heaven's radiant face look foul,  
Called for an untimely night  
To blot the newly-blossomed light.  
But were the rose's blush so rare,  
Were the Morning's smile so fair,  
As is he, nor cloud, nor wind  
But would be courteous, would be kind.  
Spare him, Death ! O spare him then,  
Spare the sweetest among men !  
Let not Pity, with her tears,  
Keep such distance from thine ears ;  
But O ! thou wilt not, canst not spare,

Haste hath never time to hear.  
Therefore if he needs must go,  
And the Fates will have it so,  
Softly may he be possessed  
Of his monumental rest.  
Safe, thou dark home of the dead,  
Safe, O hide his lovéd head.  
For Pity's sake, O, hide him quite  
From his mother Nature's sight ;  
Lest for grief his loss may move  
All her births abortive prove.

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### Another.

If ever Pity were acquainted  
With stern Death, if e'er he fainted,  
Or forgot the cruel vigour,  
Of an adamantine rigour,  
Here, O here we should have known it,  
Here, or nowhere, he'd have shown it.  
For he whose precious memory  
Bathes in tears of every eye :  
He to whom our sorrow brings  
All the streams of all her springs,  
Was so rich in grace and nature,  
In all the gifts that bless a creature,  
The fresh hopes of his lovely youth



Flourish'd in so fair a growth ;  
So sweet the temple was, that shrined  
The sacred sweetness of his mind ;  
That could the Fates know to relent,  
Could they know what mercy meant,  
Or had ever learn'd to bear  
The soft tincture of a tear,  
Tears would now have flowed so deep,  
As might have taught Grief how to weep.  
Now all their steely operation,  
Would quite have lost the cruel fashion.  
Sickness would have gladly been  
Sick himself to have saved him ;  
And his fever wished to prove  
Burning only in his love.  
Him when Wrath itself had seen  
Wrath itself had lost his spleen.  
Grim Destruction here amazed,  
Instead of striking, would have gazed.  
Even the iron-pointed pen,  
That notes the tragic dooms of men,  
Wet with tears 'still'd from the eyes  
Of the flinty Destinies,  
Would have learned a softer style,  
And have been ashamed to spoil  
His life's sweet story, by the haste  
Of a cruel stop ill-placed.  
In the dark volume of our fate,

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Whence each leaf of life hath date,  
 Where in sad particulars  
 The total sum of man appears ;  
 And the short clause of mortal breath,  
 Bound in the period of Death :  
 In all the book, if anywhere  
 Such a term as this, *Spare here*,  
 Could have been found, 'twould have been read,  
 Writ in white letters o'er his head :  
 Or close unto his name annexed,  
 The fair gloss of a fairer text.  
 In brief, if any one were free,  
 He was that one, and only he.

But he, alas ! even he is dead,  
 And our hopes' fair harvest spread  
 In the dust ! Pity, now spend  
 All the tears that Grief can lend.  
 Sad Mortality may hide  
 In his ashes all her pride ;  
 With this inscription o'er his head :  
*All hope of never dying here is dead.*

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### **This Epitaph.**

Passenger, whoe'er thou art,  
 Stay awhile, and let thy heart  
 Take acquaintance of this stone,  
 Before thou passest further on ;

This stone will tell thee, that beneath  
Is entombed the crime of Death ;  
The ripe endowments of whose mind  
Left his years so much behind,  
That numbering of his virtues' praise,  
Death lost the reckoning of his days ;  
And believing what they told,  
Imagined him exceeding old.  
In him Perfection did set forth  
The strength of her united worth ;  
Him his wisdom's pregnant growth  
Made so reverend, even in youth,  
That in the centre of his breast  
(Sweet as is the phoenix' nest)  
Every reconcilèd grace  
Had their general meeting-place.  
In him Goodness joy'd to see  
Learning learn humility ;  
The splendour of his birth and blood  
Was but the gloss of his own good.  
The flourish of his sober youth  
Was the pride of naked truth.  
In composure of his face  
Lived a fair, but manly grace ;  
His mouth was Rhetoric's best mould,  
His tongue the touchstone of her gold ;  
What word soe'er his breath kept warm,  
Was no word now but a charm :

For all persuasive Graces thence  
Sucked their sweetest influence.  
His virtue that within had root,  
Could not choose but shine without ;  
And th' heart-bred lustre of his worth,  
At each corner peeping forth,  
Pointed him out in all his ways,  
Circled round in his own rays :  
That to his sweetness all men's eyes  
Were vow'd Love's flaming sacrifice.

Him while fresh and fragrant Time  
Cherish'd in his golden prime ;  
Ere Hebe's hand had overlaid  
His smooth cheeks with a downy shade ;  
The rush of Death's unruly wave  
Swept him off into his grave.

Enough, now (if thou canst) pass on,  
For now (alas !) not in this stone  
(Passenger, whoe'er thou art)  
Is he entomb'd, but in thy heart.

—:o:—

### An Epitaph upon Doctor Brook.

A Brook, whose stream so great, so good,  
Was loved, was honour'd as a flood :  
Whose banks the Muses dwelt upon,  
More than their own Helicon ;

Here at length hath gladly found  
A quiet passage under ground ;  
Meanwhile his lovèd banks, now dry,  
The Muses with their tears supply.

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**An Epitaph upon Mr. Ashton, a Conformable  
Citizen.**

The modest front of this small floor,  
Believe me, Reader, can say more  
Than many a braver marble can,  
*Here lies a truly honest man.*  
One whose conscience was a thing  
That troubled neither Church nor King.  
One of those few that in this town  
Honour all Preachers, hear their own.  
Sermons he heard, yet not so many  
As left no time to practise any.  
He heard them reverently, and then  
His practice preached them o'er again.  
His Parlour-Sermons rather were  
Those to the eye than to the ear.  
His prayers took their price and strength  
Not from the loudness, nor the length.  
He was a Protestant at home  
Not only in despite of Rome.  
He loved his Father ; yet his zeal

Tore not off his Mother's veil.  
To th' Church he did allow her dress,  
True Beauty, to true Holiness.  
Peace, which he loved in life, did lend  
Her hand to bring him to his end.  
When Age and Death called for the score  
No surfeits were to reckon for.  
Death tore not—therefore—but sans strife  
Gently untwined his thread of life.  
What remains then but that thou  
Write these lines, Reader, in thy brow,  
And by his fair example's light  
Burn in thy imitation bright.  
So while these lines can but bequeath  
A life perhaps unto his death ;  
His better Epitaph shall be  
His life still kept alive in thee.

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### At the Funeral of a Young Gentleman.

Dear reliques of a dislodged soul, whose lack  
Makes many a mourning paper put on black !  
O stay a while ere thou draw in thy head,  
And wind thyself up close in thy cold bed :  
Stay but a little while, until I call  
A summons worthy of thy funeral.  
Come then Youth, Beauty, and Blood, all ye soft powers

Whose silken flatteries swell a few fond hours  
 Into a false Eternity ; Come man,  
 Hyperbolizèd Nothing ! know thy span ;  
 Take thine own measure here : down, down, and bow  
 Before thyself in thine Idea, thou  
 Huge emptiness ! Contract thy self, and shrink  
 All thy wide circle to a point. O sink  
 Lower and lower yet, till thy lean size  
 Call Heaven to look on thee with narrow eyes ;  
 Lesser and lesser yet, till thou begin  
 To show a face fit to confess thy kin,  
 Thy neighbourhood to nothing.  
 Proud looks and lofty eye-lids, here put on  
 Yourselves in your unfeigned reflexion.  
 Here, gallant ladies ! this impartial glass  
 —Though you be painted—shews you your true face.  
 Those death-seal'd lips are they dare give the lie  
 To the loud boasts of poor Mortality.  
 Those curtain'd windows, this retirèd eye,  
 Out-stares the lids of large-looking Tyranny.  
 This posture is the brave one : this that lies  
 Thus low, stands up (methinks) thus, and defies  
 The world——

All-daring dust and ashes ! only you,  
 Of all interpreters, read Nature true.

An Epitaph upon a Young Married Couple  
dead and buried together.

To these, whom Death again did wed,  
This grave's their second marriage-bed.  
For though the hand of Fate could force,  
'Twixt soul and body, a divorce,  
It could not sunder man and wife,  
'Cause they both lived but one life.  
Peace, good Reader, do not weep ;  
Peace, the lovers are asleep :  
They (sweet Turtles) folded lie  
In the last knot Love could tie.  
And though they lie as they were dead,  
Their pillow stone, their sheets of lead ;  
(Pillow hard and sheets not warm)  
Love made the bed, they'll take no harm.  
Let them sleep, let them sleep on,  
Till this stormy night be gone,  
And th' eternal morrow dawn,  
Then the curtains will be drawn,  
And they wake into that Light  
Whose Day shall never die in Night.



### In Praise of Lessius' Rule of Health.

Go now, and with some daring drug  
Bait thy disease, and while they tug,  
Thou to maintain their precious strife,  
Spend the dear treasure of thy life ;  
Go, take physic, dote upon  
Some big-named composition,  
The oraculous doctors' mystic bills,  
Certain hard words made into pills ;  
And what at last shall gain by these ?  
Only a costlier disease.  
That which makes us have no need  
Of physic, that's physic indeed.

Hark hither, Reader ; wilt thou see  
Nature her own physician be ?  
Wilt see a man all his own wealth,  
His own physic, his own health ?  
A man whose sober soul can tell  
How to wear her garments well ?—  
Her garments that upon her sit,  
As garments should do, close and fit ?  
A well-clothed soul, that's not opprest  
Nor choked with what she should be drest ?  
A soul sheathed in a crystal shrine  
Through which all her bright features shine ?  
As when a piece of wanton lawn,  
A thin aerial veil is drawn

O'er beauty's face, seeming to hide,  
More sweetly shows the blushing bride.  
A soul whose intellectual beams  
No mists do mask, no lazy steams ?  
A happy soul, that all the way  
To heaven, rides in a summer's day ?  
Would'st see a man whose well-warmed blood  
Bathes him in a genuine flood,  
A man whose tunèd humours be  
A set of rarest harmony ;  
Would'st see blithe looks, fresh cheeks, beguile  
Age, would'st see December smile ?  
Would'st see nests of new Roses grow  
In a bed of reverend snow ?  
Warm thoughts, free spirits, flattering  
Winter's self into a spring ?

In sum, would'st see a man that can  
Live to be old, and still a man ?  
Whose latest and most leaden hours,  
Fall with soft wings, stuck with soft flowers  
And, when Life's sweet fable ends,  
Soul and body part like friends :  
No quarrels, murmurs, no delay,  
A kiss, a sigh, and so away ?  
This rare one, Reader, would'st thou see,  
Hark hither : and thyself be he !

## To the Queen :

AN APOLOGY FOR THE LENGTH OF THE FOLLOWING  
PANEGYRIC.

When you are mistress of the song,  
Mighty queen, to think it long,  
Were treason 'gainst that majesty  
Your Virtue wears. Your modesty  
Yet thinks it so. But even that too  
(Infinite, since part of you)  
New matter for our Muse supplies,  
And so allows what it denies.  
Say then, dread queen, how may we do  
To mediate 'twixt yourself and you?  
That so our sweetly-temper'd song  
Nor be too short, nor seem too long,  
Needs must your noble praises' strength,  
That made it long, excuse the length.

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## To the Queen ;

UPON HER NUMEROUS PROGENY : A PANEGYRIC.

Britain ! the mighty Ocean's lovely bride !  
Now stretch thyself (fair Isle) and grow ; spread wide  
Thy bosom, and make room. Thou art opprest  
With thine own glories : and art strangely blest

Beyond thyself : for, lo ! the gods, the gods  
Come fast upon thee ; and those glorious odds  
Swell thy full glories to a pitch so high  
As sits above thy best capacity.

Are they not odds ? and glorious ? that to thee  
Those mighty genii throng, which well might be  
Each one an age's labour, that thy days  
Are gilded with the union of those rays  
Whose each divided beam would be a sun,  
To glad the sphere of any nation ?  
Sure if for these thou mean'st to find a seat,  
Th' hast need, O Britain ! to be truly great.

And so thou art ; their presence makes thee so :  
They are thy greatness. Gods, where'er they go,  
Bring their Heaven with them ; their great footsteps place  
An everlasting smile upon the face  
Of the glad earth they tread on ; while with thee  
Those beams that amplify mortality,  
And teach it to expatiate, and swell  
To majesty and fulness, deign to dwell ;  
Thou by thyself may'st sit (blest Isle), and see  
How thy great mother Nature doats on thee :  
Thee therefore from the rest apart she hurl'd,  
And seem'd to make an Isle, but made a world.

Time yet hath dropt few plumes since Hope turned Joy,  
And took into his arms the princely Boy,  
Whose birth last blest the bed of his sweet mother,  
And bade us first salute our prince, a brother.

*The Prince and Duke of York.*

Bright Charles ! thou sweet dawn of a glorious day !  
Centre of those thy grandsires (shall I say  
Henry and James ? or Mars and Phœbus rather ?  
If this were Wisdom's god, that War's stern father,  
'Tis but the same is said, Henry and James  
Are Mars and Phœbus under divers names).  
O thou full mixture of those mighty souls  
Whose vast intelligences tuned the poles  
Of peace and war ; thou for whose manly brow  
Both laurels twine into one wreath, and woo  
To be thy garland ; see (sweet Prince), O see,  
Thou, and the lovely hopes that smile in thee,  
Are ta'en out, and transcribed by thy great Mother.  
See, see thy real shadow ; see thy brother,  
Thy little self in less : trace in these eyne  
The beams that dance in those full stars of thine.  
From the same snowy alabaster rock  
Those hands and thine were hewn ; those cherries mock  
The coral of thy lips. Thou wert of all  
This well-wrought copy the fair principal.

*Lady Mary.*

Justly, great Nature, didst thou brag and tell  
How even th' hadst drawn that faithful parallel,  
And matcht thy master-piece. O then, go on,  
Make such another sweet comparison.

See'st thou that Mary there? O, teach her mother  
To show her to herself in such another :  
Fellow this wonder too, nor let her shine  
Alone ; light such another star, and twine  
Their rosy beams, so that the morn for one  
Venus, may have a constellation.

*Lady Elizabeth.*

These words scarce wakened Heaven, when, lo! our vows  
Sat crowned upon the noble infant's brows.  
Th' art paired, sweet princess : in this well-writ book  
Read o'er thyself ; peruse each line, each look.  
And when th' hast summed up all those blooming blisses,  
Close up the book, and clasp it with thy kisses.

So have I seen (to dress their mistress May)  
Two silken sister-flowers consult, and lay  
Their bashful cheeks together ; newly they  
Peeped from their buds, showed like the garden's eyes  
Scarce waked : like was the crimson of their joys,  
Like were the tears they wept, so like, that one  
Seemed but the other's kind reflection.

*The New-born Prince.*

And now 'twere time to say, sweet queen, no more.  
Fair source of Princes, is thy precious store  
Not yet exhaust? O no ! Heavens have no bound,  
But in their infinite and endless round  
Embrace themselves. Our measure is not theirs ;  
Nor may the poverty of man's narrow prayers

Span their immensity. More princes come :  
Rebellion, stand thou by ; Mischief, make room :  
War, blood, and death (names all averse from Joy)  
Hear this, we have another bright-eyed boy :  
That word's a warrant, by whose virtue I  
Have full authority to bid you die.

Die, die, foul misbegotten monsters ! die :  
Make haste away, or e'er the World's bright eye  
Blush to a cloud of blood. O far from men  
Fly hence, and in your Hyperborean den  
Hide you for evermore, and murmur there  
Where none but Hell may hear, nor our soft air  
Shrink at the hateful sound. Meanwhile we bear,  
High as the brow of Heaven, the noble noise  
And name of these our just and righteous joys,  
Where Envy shall not reach them, nor those Ears  
Whose tune keeps time to aught below the spheres.

But thou, sweet supernumerary star,  
Shine forth ; nor fear the threats of boisterous War.  
The face of things has therefore frowned a while  
On purpose that to thee and thy pure smile  
The World might owe an universal calm ;  
While thou, fair halcyon, on a sea of balm  
Shalt float ; where, while thou lay'st thy lovely head,  
The angry billows shall but make thy bed :  
Storms, when they look on thee, shall straight relent ;  
And tempests, when they taste thy breath, repent  
To whispers, soft as thine own slumbers be,

Or souls of virgins which shall sigh for thee.

Shine then, sweet supernumerary star,  
Nor fear the boisterous names of blood and war :  
Thy birthday is their death's nativity ;  
They've here no other business but to die.

*To the Queen.*

But stay ; what glimpse was that ? why blusht the Day ?  
Why ran the startled air trembling away ?  
Who's this that comes circled in rays that scorn  
Acquaintance with the Sun ? what second morn  
At midday opes a presence which Heaven's eye  
Stands off and points at ? Is't some deity  
Stept from her throne of stars, deigns to be seen ?  
Is it some deity ? or is't our queen ?

'Tis she, 'tis she : her awful beauties chase  
The Day's abashèd glories, and in face  
Of noon wear their own sunshine. O thou bright  
Mistress of wonders ! Cynthia's is the Night ;  
But thou at noon dost shine, and art all day  
(Nor does thy sun deny 't) our Cynthia.

Illustrious sweetness ! in thy faithful womb,  
That nest of heroes, all our hopes find room.  
Thou art the mother-phoenix, and thy breast  
Chaste as that virgin honour of the East,  
But much more fruitful is ; nor does, as she,  
Deny to mighty Love, a deity.  
Then let the Eastern world brag and be proud



Of one coy phœnix, while we have a brood,  
A brood of phœnixes : while we have brother  
And sister-phœnixes, and still the mother.

And may we long ! Long may'st thou live t' increase  
The house and family of phœnixes.  
Nor may the life that gives their eye-lids light  
E'er prove the dismal morning of thy night :  
Ne'er may a birth of thine be bought so dear  
To make his costly cradle of thy bier.

O may'st thou thus make all the year thine own,  
And see such names of joy sit white upon  
The brow of every month ! and when th' hast done,  
May'st in a son of his find every son  
Repeated, and that son still in another,  
And so in each child, often prove a mother.  
Long may'st thou, laden with such clusters, lean  
Upon thy royal elm (fair vine !) and when  
The heavens will stay no longer, may thy glory  
And name dwell sweet in some eternal story !

Pardon, bright Excellence, an untuned string,  
That in thy ears thus keeps a murmuring.  
O speak a lowly Muse's pardon, speak  
Her pardon, or her sentence ; only break  
Thy silence. Speak, and she shall take from thence  
Numbers and sweetness, and an influence  
Confessing thee. Or (if too long I stay)  
O speak thou, and my pipe hath nought to say :  
For see Apollo all this while stands mute,

Expecting by thy voice to tune his lute.

But gods are gracious ; and their altars make

Precious the offerings that their altars take.

Give them this rural wreath fire from thine eyes ;

This rural wreath dares be thy sacrifice.

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**Upon Two Green Apricots sent to Cowley  
by Sir Crashaw.**

Take these, Time's tardy truants, sent by me

To be chastised (sweet friend) and chid by thee.

Pale sons of our Pomona ! whose wan cheeks

Have spent the patience of expecting weeks,

Yet are scarce ripe enough at best to show

The red, but of the blush to thee they owe.

By thy comparison they shall put on

More summer in their shame's reflection,

Than e'er the fruitful Phœbus' flaming kisses

Kindled on their cold lips. O had my wishes,

And the dear merits of your Muse, their due,

The year had found some fruit early as you ;

Ripe as those rich composures Time computes

Blossoms, but our blest taste confesses fruits.

How does thy April-Autumn mock these cold

Progressions 'twixt whose terms poor Time grows old !

With thee alone he wears no beard, thy brain

Gives him the morning world's fresh gold again.

'Twas only Paradise, 'tis only thou,  
Whose fruit and blossoms both bless the same bough,  
Proud in the pattern of thy precious youth,  
Nature (methinks) might easily mend her growth.  
Could she in all her births but copy thee,  
Into the public years' proficiency,  
No fruit should have the face to smile on thee  
(Young master of the World's maturity)  
But such whose sun-born beauties what they borrow  
Of beams to-day, pay back again to-morrow,  
Nor need be double-gilt. How then must these  
Poor fruits look pale at thy Hesperides !  
Fain would I chide their slowness, but in their  
Defects I draw mine own dull character.  
Take them, and me in them acknowledging  
How much my Summer waits upon thy Spring.

—:o:—

### Upon Bishop Andrews's Picture before his Sermons.

This reverend shadow cast that setting sun,  
Whose glorious course through our horizon run,  
Left the dim face of this dull hemisphere  
All one great eye, all drown'd in one great tear ;  
Whose fair illustrious soul led his free thought  
Through Learning's universe, and (vainly) sought

Room for her spacious self, until at length  
She found the way home with an holy strength,  
Snatch'd herself hence to Heaven ; fill'd a bright place  
'Mongst those immortal fires, and on the face  
Of her great Maker fixed her flaming eye,  
There still to read true, pure divinity.  
And now that grave aspect hath deign'd to shrink  
Into this less appearance. If you think  
'Tis but a dead face Art doth here bequeath,  
Look on the following leaves, and see him breathe.

—:o:—

### Upon the Frontispiece of Mr. Isaacson's Chronology.

Let hoary Time's vast bowels be the grave  
To what his bowels' birth and being gave ;  
Let Nature die, and (Phoenix-like) from death  
Revivèd Nature take a second breath ;  
If on Time's right hand sit fair History,  
If, from the seed of empty Ruin, she  
Can raise so fair an harvest, let her be  
Ne'er so far distant, yet Chronology  
(Sharp-sighted as the eagle's eye, that can  
Out-stare the broad-beam'd Day's meridian)  
Will have a perspicil to find her out,  
And, through the night of error and dark doubt,

Discern the dawn of Truth's eternal ray,  
As when the rosy Morn buds into day.

Now that 'Time's empire might be amply fill'd,  
Babel's bold artists strive (below) to build  
Ruin a temple, on whose fruitful fall  
History rears her pyramids, more tall  
Than were th' Ægyptian (by the life these give  
Th' Egyptian pyramids themselves must live) ;  
On these she lifts the world, and on their base  
Shows the two terms and limits of Time's race :  
That the Creation is, the Judgment this ;  
That the World's morning ; this, her midnight is.

—:o:—

### With a Picture sent to a Friend.

I paint so ill, my piece had need to be  
Painted again by some good poesy.  
I write so ill, my slender line is scarce  
So much as th' picture of a well-limn'd verse :  
Yet may the love I send be true, though I  
Send nor true picture nor true poesy :  
Both which away, I should not need to fear  
My love, or feign'd, or painted should appear.

—:o:—

**Translations.****OUT OF VIRGIL.****IN THE PRAISE OF THE SPRING.**

All trees, all leafy groves confess the Spring  
Their gentlest friend ; then, then the lands begin  
To swell with forward pride, and feed desire  
To generation ; Heaven's Almighty Sire  
Melts on the bosom of His love, and pours  
Himself into her lap in fruitful showers,  
And by a soft insinuation, mixt  
With Earth's large mass, doth cherish and assist  
Her weak conceptions ; no lone shade, but rings  
With chatt'ring birds' delicious murmurings.  
Then Venus' mild instinct (at set times) yields  
The herds to kindly meetings, then the fields  
(Quick with warm zephyr's lively breath) lay forth  
Their pregnant bosoms in a fragrant birth.  
Each body's plump and juicy, all things full  
Of supple moisture : no coy twig but will  
Trust his belovèd blossom to the sun  
(Grown lusty now) ; no vine so weak and young  
That fears the foul-mouth'd Auster, or those storms  
That the south-west wind hurries in his arms,  
But hastes her forward blossoms, and lays out,  
Freely lays out her leaves ; nor do I doubt  
But when the world first out of chaos sprang,  
So smiled the Days, and so the tenour ran

Of their felicity. A spring was there,  
An everlasting spring, the jolly year  
Led round in his great circle ; no wind's breath  
As then did smell of Winter, or of Death ;  
When Life's sweet light first shone on beasts, and when  
From their hard mother Earth sprang hardy men ;  
When beasts took up their lodging in the wood,  
Stars in their higher chambers : never could  
The tender growth of things endure the sense  
Of such a change, but that the Heavens' indulgence  
Kindly supplies sick Nature, and doth mould  
A sweetly-temper'd mean, nor hot nor cold.

#### THE BEGINNING OF HELIODORUS.

The smiling Morn had newly waked the Day,  
And tipped the mountains with a tender ray :  
When on a hill (whose high, imperious brow  
Looks down, and sees the humble Nile below  
Lick his proud feet, and haste into the seas  
Through the great mouth that's named from Hercules)  
A band of men, rough as the arms they wore,  
Look'd round, first to the sea, then to the shore :  
The shore that shew'd them what the sea denied—  
Hope of a prey. There, to the mainland tied,  
A ship they saw, no men she had ; yet prest  
Appear'd with other lading, for her breast  
Deep in the groaning waters wallowed  
Up to the third ring ; o'er the shore was spread

Death's purple triumph ; on the blushing ground  
Life's late forsaken houses all lay drown'd  
In their own blood's dear deluge, some new dead,  
Some panting in their yet warm ruins bled ;  
While their affrighted souls, now wing'd for flight,  
Lent them the last flash of her glimm'ring light.  
Those yet fresh streams, which crawlèd everywhere,  
Showed that stern War had newly bathed him there.  
Nor did the face of this disaster show  
Marks of a fight alone, but feasting too :  
A miserable and a monstrous feast,  
Where hungry War had made himself a guest ;  
And, coming late, had eat up guests and all,  
Who proved the feast to their own funeral, etc.

#### OUT OF THE GREEK—CUPID'S CRIER.

Love is lost, nor can his mother  
Her little fugitive discover :  
She seeks, she sighs, but nowhere spies him ;  
Love is lost, and thus she cries him :

*Oyez !* if any happy eye  
This roving wanton shall descry,  
Let the finder surely know  
Mine is the wag ; 'tis I that own  
The wingèd wanderer ; and that none  
May think his labour vainly gone,  
The glad descrier shall not miss  
To taste the nectar of a kiss



From Venus' lips ; but as for him  
That brings him to me, he shall swim  
In riper joys : more shall be his  
(Venus assures him) than a kiss.  
But lest your eye discerning slide,  
These marks may be your judgment's guide :  
His skin as with a fiery blushing  
High-colour'd is ; his eyes still flushing  
With nimble flames ; and though his mind  
Be ne'er so curst, his tongue is kind :  
For never were his words in aught  
Found the pure issue of his thought.  
The working bees' soft melting gold,  
That which their waxen mines enfold,  
Flows not so sweet as do the tones  
Of his tuned accents ; but if once  
His anger kindle, presently  
It boils out into cruelty  
And fraud : he makes poor mortals' hurts  
The objects of his cruel sports.  
With dainty curls his froward face  
Is crown'd about ; but O, what place,  
What farthest nook of lowest Hell  
Feels not the strength, the reaching spell  
Of his small hand ? yet not so small  
As 'tis powerful therewithal.  
Though bare his skin, his mind he covers,  
And like a saucy bird he hovers

With wanton wing, now here, now there,  
'Bout men and women ; nor will spare  
Till at length he perching rest,  
In the closet of their breast.  
His weapon is a little bow,  
Yet such a one as (Jove knows how)  
Ne'er suffer'd yet his little arrow  
Of Heaven's high'st arches to fall narrow.  
The gold that on his quiver smiles,  
Deceives men's fears with flattering wiles :  
But O ! (too well my wounds can tell)  
With bitter shafts 'tis sauced too well.  
He is all cruel, cruel all ;  
His torch imperious, though but small,  
Makes the sun (of flames the sire)  
Worse than sun-burnt in his fire.  
Wheresoe'er you chance to find him,  
Seize him, bring him (but first bind him),  
Pity not him, but fear thyself ;  
Though thou see the crafty elf  
Tell down his silver drops unto thee :  
They're counterfeit, and will undo thee.  
With baited smiles if he display  
His fawning cheeks, look not that way.  
If he offer sugar'd kisses,  
Start, and say, the serpent hisses.  
Draw him, drag him, though he pray,  
Woo, entreat, and crying say,

Prithee, sweet, now let me go,  
Here's my quiver, shafts, and bow,  
I'll give thee all, take all ; take heed  
Lest his kindness make thee bleed.

Whate'er it be Love offers, still presume  
That though it shines, 'tis fire, and will consume.

## OUT OF THE ITALIAN.

## A SONG.

To thy lover  
Dear, discover  
That sweet blush of thine that shameth  
(When those roses  
It discloses)  
All the flowers that Nature nameth.

In free air  
Flow thy hair ;  
That no more Summer's best dresses  
Be beholden  
For their golden  
Locks to Phœbus' flaming tresses.

O deliver  
Love his quiver ;  
From thy eyes he shoots his arrows :  
Where Apollo  
Cannot follow :  
Feather'd with his mother's sparrows.

O envy not  
(That we die not)  
Those dear lips whose door encloses  
All the Graces  
In their places,  
Brother pearls, and sister roses.

From these treasures  
Of ripe pleasures  
One bright smile to clear the weather.  
Earth and Heaven  
Thus made even,  
Both will be good friends together.

The air does woo thee,  
Winds cling to thee ;  
Might a word once fly from out thee,  
Storm and thunder  
Would sit under,  
And keep silence round about thee.

But if Nature's  
Common creatures  
So dear glories dare not borrow ;  
Yet thy beauty  
Owes a duty  
To my loving, lingering sorrow.

When to end me  
Death shall send me

All his terrors to affright me :  
Thine eyes' Graces  
Gild their faces,  
And those terrors shall delight me.

When my dying  
Life is flying,  
Those sweet airs that often slew me  
Shall revive me,  
Or reprieve me,  
And to many deaths renew me.

#### OUT OF THE ITALIAN.

Love now no fire hath left him,  
We two betwixt us have divided it :  
Your eyes the light hath reft him ;  
The heat commanding in my heart doth sit.  
O that poor Love be not for ever spoiled,  
Let my heat to your light be reconciled.

So shall these flames, whose worth  
Now all obscurèd lies,  
(Dressed in those beams) start forth  
And dance before your eyes.

Or else partake my flames  
(I care not whether),  
And so in mutual names  
Of Love, burn both together.

## OUT OF THE ITALIAN.

Would any one the true cause find  
How Love came naked, a boy, and blind ?  
'Tis this : listening one day too long  
To th' Syrens in my mistress' song,  
The ecstasy of a delight  
So much o'er-mastering all his might,  
To that one sense made all else thrall,  
And so he lost his clothes, eyes, heart, and all.

## OUT OF CATULLUS.

Come and let us live, my dear,  
Let us love and never fear  
What the sourest fathers say :  
Brightest Sol that dies to-day  
Lives again as blithe to-morrow ;  
But if we, dark sons of sorrow,  
Set, O then how long a Night  
Shuts the eyes of our short light !  
Then let amorous kisses dwell  
On our lips, begin and tell  
A thousand, and a hundred score,  
An hundred and a thousand more,  
Till another thousand smother  
That, and that wipe off another.  
Thus at last, when we have numbered  
Many a thousand, many a hundred,

We'll confound the reckoning quite,  
And lose ourselves in wild delight :  
While our joys so multiply  
As shall mock the envious eye.

TO ÆLIA.

OUT OF MARTIAL.

Four teeth thou hadst that rank'd in goodly state,  
Kept thy mouth's gate.  
The first blast of thy cough left two alone,  
The second, none.  
This last cough, Ælia, cough'd out all thy fear,  
Th' hast left the third cough now no business here.

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Epigrams.

UPON FORD'S TWO TRAGEDIES, "LOVE'S  
SACRIFICE" AND "THE BROKEN HEART."

Thou cheat'st us, Ford ; mak'st one seem two by art :  
What is Love's Sacrifice but The Broken Heart?

ON MARRIAGE.

I would be married, but I'd have no wife ;  
I would be married to a single life.

UPON THE FAIR ETHIOPIAN SENT TO A  
GENTLEWOMAN.

Lo, here the fair Chariclia ! in whom strove  
So false a fortune, and so true a love !  
Now, after all her toils by sea and land,  
O may she but arrive at your white hand.  
Her hopes are crown'd, only she fears that then  
She shall appear true Ethiopian.

## UPON VENUS PUTTING ON MARS'S ARMS.

What? Mars's sword? fair Cytherea say,  
Why art thou armed so desperately to-day?  
Mars thou hast beaten naked, and, O then,  
What need'st thou put on arms against poor men?

## UPON THE SAME.

Pallas saw Venus armed, and straight she cried,  
'Come if thou dar'st, thus, thus let us be tried.'  
'Why, fool!' says Venus, 'thus provok'st thou me,  
That being naked, thou know'st could conquer thee?'

## ON NANUS MOUNTED UPON AN ANT.

High mounted on an ant, Nanus the tall  
Was thrown, alas ! and got a deadly fall :  
Under th' unruly beast's proud feet he lies,  
All torn ; with much ado yet ere he dies,  
He strains these words : 'Base Envy, do, laugh on,  
Thus did I fall, and thus fell Phaethon.'



## Appendix.

### FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS AND FELICITOUS PASSAGES FROM THE POEMS (SACRED AND SECULAR) OF RICHARD CRASHAW.

1. Weeping is the ease of woe.—*S. Mary Magdalene*, xiii.
2. The heaven-rebukèd shades.—*Sospetto d' Herode*, xv.
3. To dare something is some victory.\*—*Sospetto d' Herode*, xxviii.
4. The common people of the skies.†—*Sospetto d' Herode*, xxx.  
(Of the stars.)
5. The sweet peace of all-composing Night.  
—*Sospetto d' Herode*, lxii.
6. Love, thou art absolute sole lord  
Of life and death.—*Hymn to S. Teresa*, ll. 1-2.
7. 'Tis love, not years or limbs, that can  
Make the Martyr or the man.—*Hymn to S. Teresa*, ll. 33-4.
8. Such thirsts to die as dares drink up  
A thousand cold deaths in one cup.‡  
—*Hymn to S. Teresa*, ll. 37-8.
9. Love is eloquence.  
—*An Apology for the [Hymn to S. Teresa]*, l. 8.
10. Christ's faith makes but one body of all souls,  
And Love's that body's soul. . . .  
'What soul so e'er, in any language, can  
Speak Heaven like hers, is my soul's countryman.  
—*An Apology for the [Hymn to S. Teresa]*, ll. 17-18, 21-22.

\* Cf. Milton (*P. Lost*, ll., 105), "Which, if not victory is yet revenge."

† This phrase also occurs in Sir Henry Wotton's poem on the Queen of Bohemia.

‡ Vaughan. the Silurist, has a somewhat similar couplet, but varying in thought;—

"I should perhaps eat orphans, and suck up  
A dozen distress'd widows in one cup."—(*To Amoret Weeping*).

11. Whose high  
Flights scorn the lazy dust, and things that die.  
—*An Apology for the [Hymn to S. Teresa]*, ll. 27-28.
12. That fair-cheeked fallacy of fire.—*The Flaming Heart*, l. 4.
13. Heaven's great artillery.\*—*The Flaming Heart*, l. 56.
14. O, see the weary lids of wakeful Hope.  
—*To the Name of Jesus*, l. 142.
15. An universal synod of all sweets.  
—*To the Name of Jesus*, l. 170.
16. A darkness made of too much day.†  
—*In the Glorious Epiphany*, l. 18.
17. Aurora shall set ope  
Her ruby casements.—*In the Glorious Epiphany*, ll. 69 70.
18. This precious loss.—*In the Glorious Epiphany*, l. 142.
19. A fair-eyed fallacy of Day.—*In the Glorious Epiphany*, l. 164.
20. Something a brighter shadow, Sweet, of Thee.  
—*In the Glorious Epiphany*, l. 251.
21. Types yield to truths, shades shrink away,  
And their Night dies into our Day.  
—*Lauda Sion Salvatorem*, iv.
22. The timorous light of stars.  
—*The Hymn "O Gloriosa Domina,"* l. 4.
23. Obedient slumbers that can wake and weep.‡  
—*Description of a Religious House*, l. 16.
24. Love's great artillery.—*Prayer*, l. 18.
25. Fair Hope! our earlier heaven, by thee  
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26. Mighty Love's artillery.—*The Wounds of the Lord Jesus*, l. 2.

\* An almost identical phrase occurs in *Paradise Lost*, II., 715.

† Cf. Milton's "Dark with excessive bright," of *Par. Lost*, III., 380: one of several of Milton's probable indebtednesses to the somewhat earlier Poet. Milton's great epic was originally published in 1667, whilst Crashaw's poem first saw the light in 1648.

‡ Quoted by Pope in *Eloisa to Abelard*, l. 212.

27. Nympha pudica Deum vidit, et erubuit.\*  
 [The modest Nymph hath seen her God, and *blushed*.]  
 —*Epig. Sac. : Aquae in vinum versae*.
28. Saepe dedit, quisquis saepe negata dedit.  
 [He giveth oft who gives what's oft refused].  
 —*Epig. Sac. : Christus Mulieri Cananiae difficilior*.
29. Trails her plain ditty in one long-spun note  
 Through the sleek passage of her open throat :  
 A clear, unwrinkled song.—*Music's Duel*, ll. 37-39.  
 (Of a nightingale.)
30. Trembling as when Apollo's golden hairs  
 Are fanned and frizzled in the wanton airs  
 Of his own breath.—*Music's Duel*, ll. 115-117.
31. Those parts of sweetness which with nectar drop,  
 Softer than that which pants in Hebe's cup.  
 —*Music's Duel*, ll. 125-126.
32. The soft tincture of a tear.  
 —“*If ever Pity were acquainted*,” l. 20.
33. Nothing speaks our grief so well  
 As to speak nothing.  
 —*Upon the Death of a Gentleman*, ll. 27-28.
34. Eyes are vocal, tears have tongues,  
 And there be words not made with lungs ;  
 Sententious showers, oh, let them fall,  
 Their cadence is rhetorical.  
 —*Upon the Death of a Gentleman*, ll. 31-34.
35. Haste hath never time to hear.  
 —*Upon the Death of the most desired Mr. Herry's*, l. 63.

\* This familiar Latin line has been variously Englished, partly owing to the misprint of 'Lympha' for 'Nympha' in many reprints of the epigram. The following versions may be noted :—

- “The shy Nymph saw her God, and blush'd.”—(*Grosart*).  
 “The chaste Nymph hath seen her God, and blush'd.”—(*Clark*).  
 “The conscious water blushed its God to see.”—(*Ashe*).  
 “The chaste nymph saw a God, and blusht for fear.”—(*Barksdale*).  
 “The element saw God, and blushed with awe.”—(*Hayley*).  
 “The conscious water saw its God and blushed.”  
 “The bashful stream hath seen its God, and *blushed*.”—(*Aaron Hill*).  
 “The modest Nymph saw the god, and blushed.”

36. O Fate ! O Time !  
That seldom lett'st a blushing youthful prime  
Hide his hot beams in shade of silver age.  
—*Upon the Death of Mr. Herrys*, ll. 29-31.
37. These curtained windows, this retirèd eye  
Out-stares the lids of large-look'd Tyranny.  
—*Death's Lecture*, ll. 26-27.
38. Thou cheat'st us, Ford, mak'st one seem two by art :  
What is Love's Sacrifice but The Broken Heart ?  
—*Upon Ford's Two Tragedies*.
39. Dressed in the glorious madness of a Muse,  
Whose feet can walk the Milky Way, and choose  
Her starry throne.—*To the Morning*, ll. 23-25.
40. 'Tis in the mercy of her eye,  
If poor Love shall live or die.—*Love's Horoscope*, ll. 19-20.
41. A soul sheathed in a crystal shrine  
Through which all her bright features shine.  
—*In Praise of Lessius*, ll. 25-26.
42. A happy soul, that all the way  
To Heaven, hath a Summer's day.  
—*In Praise of Lessius*, ll. 33-34.
43. Sharp-sighted as the eagle's eye, that can  
Out-stare the broad-beamed day's meridian.  
—*Upon the Frontispiece of Dr. Isaacson's Chronology*, ll. 9-10.
44. Discern the dawn of Truth's eternal ray,  
As when the rosy Morn buds into Day.  
—*Upon the Frontispiece of Dr. Isaacson's Chronology*, ll. 13-14.
45. The modest front of this small floor,  
Believe me, Reader, can say more  
Than many a braver marble can :  
*Here lies a truly honest man.\**  
—*Epitaph on Mr. Ashton*, ll. 1-4.

\* Cf. ll. 1-2 of Pope's *Epitaph on Elijah Fenton* :—

“This modest stone, what few vain marbles can,  
May truly say, *Here lies an honest man.*”

46. Whoe'er she be,  
That not impossible She,  
That shall command my heart and me.—*Wishes*, ll. 1-3.
47. Where'er she lie,  
Locked up from mortal eye,  
In shady leaves of destiny.—*Wishes*, ll. 4-6.
48. Days, that need borrow  
No part of their good morrow,  
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49. Life, that dares send  
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And when it comes say : ' Welcome, friend.'  
—*Wishes*, ll. 85-87.
50. Sidneian showers  
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